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1. [redacted] a meeting at the SMAD, Berlin-  
Karlshorst, on 10 and 11 October 1949, between the Soviet  
representatives headed by General Rudenko and the repre-  
sentatives of the German wire weaving mills [redacted]

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The improvement of  
the quality of wire weaving requested by the Soviets was  
on the agenda.

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2. Representatives of the following firms were present:

- a. Hettstedt (M 52/D 64) Wire Drawing Mill
- b. Vogel Wire Factory in Berlin
- c. Baderschneider & Lenzner in Zeulenroda (M 51/K 03)
- d. Graefenthal Wire Weaving Mill
- e. Lose Factory in Meiningen (M 51/H 82)
- f. Tewa Factory, formerly the Eilhauer Plant, in Neustadt/  
Orla (M 51/J 84)

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The wire drawing mills in Hettstedt and Berlin [redacted]  
[redacted] supply the Soviet Zone wire weaving mills  
with the required and prescribed nickel wire. The plants  
are the rolling mill for nonferrous metals in Hettstedt,  
assigned to the Red Soviet Corporation, and the C.J. Vogel  
wire and cable works in Berlin-Adlershof and Berlin-Koepenick,  
assigned to the Kabel Soviet Corporation. The Baderschneider  
& Lenzner wire weaving factory in Zeulenroda, mentioned in

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[redacted] and the Lose Factory in Meiningen [redacted] are both Thuringian private plants, the Graefenthal Plant is a Thuringian provincial plant of VVB(L) Machinery-electric Products-East (plant number 38/278/1100). The Neustadt/Orla Metal Weaving plant is a zonal plant of the VVB (4) Tewa (plant number 38/969/1002).

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] The production terms worked out by the manufacturing firms and used as a basis at the meeting are not known. [redacted]

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3. The remarks made by General Rudenko show clearly that the ZMA in Karlshorst has been instructed by Moscow to strive for quality rather than quantity production in wire weaving (10,000 mesh per square centimeter, maximum warp thread tolerance 90 microns, wire diameter 0.038 to 0.042 mm). For this reason control agencies and laboratories will be established in all plants to supervise rigidly production according to the prescribed standards. The Zeiss firm in Jena was ordered to develop appropriate test instruments (microscope-ocular-micrometer) and to supply them to the plants. The ZMA is also ready to renovate completely machinery (looms, etc) in the plants and to procure immediately, through the assistance of General Rudenko, all those needed items which can only be purchased in the West. All these measures clearly indicate Moscow's keen interest in these soviet zone deliveries of nickel wire weavings.

4. The German wire weaving standard, according to DIN 1171

[redacted] contains provisions on wire weavings for test sieves and measurements [redacted] and on wire weaving tests and test installations [redacted]

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5. The exact address of the firm is to procure the urgently needed [redacted] steel supplies for the manufacture of reeds which is:

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Hachenberger Sandvik, Ltd., Steel Wholesale Trade, 18/20 Gottschedstrasse in Leipzig C 1.

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